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managers will confer a favor upon us by demanding credentials of every person claiming to represent our journal.

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The Adopted Plan.

The passage of the plan for the tips and commission by both houses of Congress to large majorities is subject for profound rejoicing. Even those who opposed its passage so in no rancorous spirit, and are

though they were unable to vote for them. They will rejoice with its friends if it accomplish the desired object. Should the majority justify the hopes of the friends of the measure, to the joint committee the credit will be given for plucking the slower safety from the nettle danger; for it is not to be gained that the country was in peril, and that the ill-considered action on either side had even precipitated a conflict which we even if it had not forced a resort to arms have seriously weakened a republican government in the affection and respect of the people. That an agreement was possible in the excited state of the public mind is far to demonstrate the superiority of the republican over other forms of government.

The Republicans have evinced a practical and usefulness in this matter which is to be expected from them but which is not at all accounted the less to be commended. Even those Republicans who opposed the plan did not object to the result attained, but were in doubt as to the wisdom of the means employed. Whatever credit is due to the bill is due to those representatives of the Republican party who proposed and carried it through. They have set an example of unselfish patriotism which has been followed by the Democrats, and thus their temporary disadvantage even has been feared. For the strength and justice of their case is so apparent that there can be little doubt as to the decision. The Republicans will hold the government by a party which even the most conservative cannot but respect.

The London Times has returned almost

United States Government of the Geographical Names Board award surplus. It says: "When an appeal is made to the board of arbitration has decided that a particular sum shall be applied to a particular purpose, the presumption is that it can be fairly applied to no other. Now, the Geographical Names Board awarded the sum of more than \$3,000,000 as a compensation, not for the loss of the land, but for individual losses; and, in the amount would be preposterously small. It had been intended to make good the losses sustained by the State. Congress, therefore, have to decide whether it can

purposes defined by the tribunal to which he submitted its claims. If Congress stem give compensation to unfortunate Japanese slave laborers, there will be no question as to whether or not they are entitled to say it was part of the New Deal. I intend that, by prolonging the war, the Japans reduced their incomes by thousands of pounds? There would be no end to demands that might logically be made if the surplus should be distributed among claimants who were insured." The *Mall Gazette* thinks that the *Times* has caught napping. It replies, "The undersigned trusts that the Government's owners to the full extent of their power. But the Geneva Tribunal decided that land was responsible in damages for losses, and the damages were paid on account. It is clear that the undersigned stands in the place of the loser whom satisfied, and that his claim to his share of the damages is as sound as that of his pro-

In Tilden doesn't find his way to the presidency it will not be because liberal ideas have not been offered to get him there. Judge Leveise, of Louisiana, was offered \$100,000 and W. B. Nash, of South Carolina, refused \$50,000 to vote for him. But, being Republicans, they both spurned the bribe. When, however, \$8,000 was held out as a bait for the bogus electoral vote Democrat, Cronin, none and all, jumped on the offer. It does make a difference in school one is educated.

LONDON, with all its municipal extravagance, is much more economically governed than New York. In the English metropolis the total yearly cost for 1875 was covered

York is thirteen dollars a head, and the city debt is \$126 for every man, woman and child of the population. In all that respects the safety of life and the security of property, England's chief city is much superior to Iowa.

SINCE the electoral bill was reported, Southern investigations attract little attention. The general feeling is that as a matter of constitutional law the tripartite commission will decide that there is no power in Congress to go behind the certificate of a state, and that, therefore, the investigation into the election will not affect the decision.

THE Colorado Legislature is considering a couple of interesting experiments to

The Compromise Bill.

Senator Edmunds says that the bill envisions that the Republicans not to cheat the other party but to beat it.

Bill Eaton hissed by Democratic legislators in Connecticut! Who would have believed it?

George William Curtis approves the tariff bill. Amid the din of political diatribe his melodious "Yea" is as sweet and singing as the "ascrivic pleassings of the larks."

Senator Alcorn said that unless there had passed, he and several other Republicans would have voted against Haves. Not with

Harper's Weekly approved the plan on the ground that some sort of tribunal was utterly necessary since one party claimed the House could decide on the electoral college and the other party insisted that the president of the Senate had sole authority in the premises.

A Pennsylvania Democrat writes *Tribune* to say that the compromise has put off the fighting for four years. He says Hayes will be inaugurated under the decision of the tribunal, and that the Democrats will submit without an appeal to the people.

ROSEN CO. has been notified that the 1000 bushels of wheat shipped in bulk last fall from Frederickton to Boston City, N. B., has been seized by the U. S. Customs. In consequence of the seizure and the threat to seize all the company's property coming into the New Brunswick county, trains will not be run into that county.

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Dr. L. C. Whitman of Gardiner was thrown from his sleigh Wednesday and had an arm broken.

Fred Farday, employee on the Maine Central railroad, was struck by a bridge at Waterville, Friday, and seriously bruised.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

A house owned by F. H. Smith of Orrington was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Loss \$900; no insurance.

The mercury was 40 degrees below zero at Orland Friday morning.

